

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1277

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1870.*

No. 289. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1870, No. 2,955 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ramandroog, 7th April 1870, No. 91.

With reference to the endorsement of the Board of Revenue, No. 23, dated 4th March 1870, on a Petition No. 188 of 1870 from one Konammah Reddy, Mirassidar of Ponubolu in the Dharmavaram Talook, I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, on the points mooted.

2. The petitioner claims the office as appertaining to her father's family, but it does not appear that it was held by one particular family for any length of time. This is clear from her own petition.

3. The present office-holder, Latchma Reddy, is the brother of Obi Reddy, who held it some seven years, and is a Mirassidar.

4. Females are not excluded from succession to village-offices in the district of Bellary. There are many instances of their holding office, the business being, of course, transacted through a Goomastah.

5. Latchma Reddy lives two miles and-a-half from the village of which he is Reddy.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their endorsement on Petition No. 188 (Board No. 23) of 1870.

2. The petitioner, a female, claims a right to the Reddy Miras in Ponubolu. Her claim was disallowed by the Collector and the Board, and she appealed to Government.

3. Government inquired whether the present incumbent is a Mirassidar; whether females are excluded from village-offices in Bellary; and whether the present Reddy lives five miles from the village.

4. The Collector reports that this particular office has not been held by any one family long, in which case probably no one has a Mirassi claim to it; that females are not excluded from the succession to such offices; and that the present Reddy lives two and-a-half miles from the village.

No. 290. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1870, No. 1,277.

Miscellaneous.

It appears from the evidence taken by the Sub-Collector that Latchma Reddy's claim to the Reddy Miras was solely based on his relationship to his late brother who was appointed to the office on the ground that petitioner Konammah Reddy was "too young" to hold it. It is not disputed that the office had been vested in petitioner's family for the previous forty years, and there is nothing to show that a member of Latchma Reddy's family had ever held it before the accession of his brother.

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2. The Collector now reports that females are not disqualified from succession to village-offices, and this being the case, the petitioner's exclusion on account of her youth ought not to operate as a transfer of a Mirassi office from one family to another.

3. The Government therefore resolve to direct that the present incumbent shall retain office only until petitioner's son is of age and competent to perform the duty, when the former must resign in favour of the latter.

4. The following endorsement will be passed on Petition No. 188 of 1870:—

"Petitioner is referred to the Collector who will communicate to her the decision of Government on her case."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Petition Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 188 of 1870.

Transferred to the P. Collector of Bellary for inquiry and report through the Board of Revenue on the following points:

- (1) Whether Lutchana Reddy, the present incumbent is an Inamdar. Mr. Sullivan in his appeal judgment dated 23rd August 1869 stated decidedly that he is; but from his deposition before Mr. Procter it would appear that he admitted that his brother was the first of his relations who had held the office of Reddy and nothing is said as to any other Inamdar being right.
- (2) Whether it is a prevailing rule in the Bellary district that a female should be excluded from succession to a village office merely on the ground of sex.
- (3) Whether petitioner's assertion that Lutchana Reddy lives five miles from the scene of his duties is correct.

at Saint George
February 1870.

By Order.

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Cont. of 11870's Abstracts

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

By

Dated August, 1871.

Recd.

G. O. No. 1 of 1870, No. 1, 27.

AUGUST.

NO. 288-300.

Reddy Mins in Bellary District
Passing orders on Lutchana Reddy's claim to it.

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Government

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Transferring to the
Acting Collector Bellary
for enquiry and report
the Pet of Revenue
petition No 188 of 1870
regarding Reddy
Merajay of Pamban
village in Coimbatore
revenue taluk.

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Petition Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter papers.

Petition from Conammah,
the Reddy Mirasidar of Pa-
nosole village, Darmavarum
Taluk in Bellary

(Here enter 21st Jan'y 1870 No 188)

Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue

(—"—" 1st May 1870 " 2,955.)

Order thereon, 16th Aug 70. No 1274

The following endorsement
will be passed on petition
No 188 of 1870:-

"The Government have
"received a report on the subject
"of petitioner's claim & are
"unable to interfere on her
"behalf"
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Memorandum.

N^o 1277- 16th August 1870

It appears from the

evidence taken by the Sub Collector that Lochma Reddy's claim to the Reddy-Meras was solely based on his relationship to his late Brother who was appointed to the office on the ground that Petitioner Konnamah Reddy was "too young" to hold it.

It is not disputed that the office had been vested in Petitioner's family for the previous forty years & there is nothing to show that a Member of Lochma Reddy's family had ever held it before the accession of his Brother.

The Collector now reports

On the whole I would not dissent from the Sub Collector's decision. The office has not been held long - & the Collector says - by every one familiarly - and it is objectionable that a female should be Reddy. Her claim was set aside 7 yrs ago. when - though young - she was quite as capable, as now, to perform the duties by proxy - I do not

A. A. J.

Court of 118 Minutes.

To

Dated 16th August 1870, No.
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reports that females are not
disqualified from succession
to Village Offices, & this being
the case the Petitioner's ex-
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mitted to operate as an
exclusion for life - much
less as a transfer of a Mirasi
office from one family to ano-
ther. It is therefore sub-
mitted that the Govt may
reverse the decision of the Collector
& the Board, & affirm that
of the Sub Collector thereby con-
ferring the post of Paddy
Minister on the Petitioner.

3. The Govt therefore
resolves to direct that
the present incumbent
shall retain office until
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competent to perform the
duty, when the former

is intended to debar
her. If the woman had
been a man she would
incontestably have held
the office some years ago
the greater of her
age & the law.

She can exercise her
rights by proxy, by a
relative, or by a son.
It is quite consistent
with the usage of
the country. I am
myself well
acquainted with
a female Reddy in
Bellary, who
did her duty
with general
acceptance, &
was spared.

[Signature]

must resign in favor of the
latter.

4. The following
endowment will be
passed as petition No
100 of 1870.

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